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THERE has lately been a great Profuſion of Ink and Argumentation, among the Brethren of the Quill, in order to ſettle a Point, which has often puzzled ſome of the wiſeſt Heads in all Ages, I mean, the Nature of the *Engliſh Conſtitution*, and of the Office, Powers and Privileges of the three different Branches of the Legiſlature.

The *learned Writer*, who firſt enter'd into this Field of Controverſy, being * a *very free Enquirer into every thing which is the Object of human Underſtanding*, and having with a very laudable Reſolution, made ſome bold Attacks upon the Religion of his Country, is now willing to exerciſe his Talents upon the Government of it, that nothing may be wanting in him to give the People a *juſt Notion* of their *Civil* as well as of their *Religious* Liberties.

And indeed it is very happy for this poor Nation, that Men of ſuch *rare Abilities*, *ſuch deep Penetration*, and *ſuch a Compaſs of Knowledge*, will undertake to aſſert the natural Rights of Mankind, againſt thoſe two wicked Inſtruments of Tyranny and Oppreſſion, *Religion* and *Government*, which have always laid a very grievous and unreaſonable Reſtraint upon ſuch *Free Enquirers*, as this *ingenious Gentleman* declares himſelf to be.

For while either of thoſe two inſupportable Evils are ſuffer'd to ſubſiſt, there can be no ſuch thing as any real Freedom in the World, and however we may value ourſelves upon the Excellency of our Conſtitution, and fancy that we enjoy thereby a larger Share of Liberty than our Neighbours, yet the Rigour of our Penal Laws, under *tyrannical Princes*, and *cruel and oppreſſive Miniſters*, has damp'd as many *great Geniuſes*, and put a Stop to as many *ſublime Diſcoveries*, as either the *Inquiſition* or the *Bow-String*.

Well therefore has this *Sage Reaſoner* done, in trying to deſtroy the Authority, which thoſe vain and empty Bugbears have hitherto uſurp'd over the Minds of Men, and the Nation owes infinite Obligations to this extraordinary Perſon, for his uncommon Zeal to make us in every Senſe a *Free People*.

Such Virtue and Publick Spirit would have been worthy of better Times; but they are really Prodigies in the preſent, in which every Man conſults only his own Intereſt, without regarding what becomes of his Country, or whether his Poſterity be Freemen or Slaves.

But this new Adventurer in Patriotiſm, who has lately liſted himſelf under the Banners of the *Craftſman*, is ſo far from being ſway'd or influenc'd by ſuch ignoble and diſhonourable Motives, that with reſpect to any perſonal Advantage that he can propoſe to himſelf, by his Zeal for the Service of the Publick, he even *Out-patriotiſes* his Patron himſelf; for Mr. *D'Anvers* having a *pretty eaſy Fortune*, which enables him to live independent of Buſineſs, has Leiſure enough to amuſe himſelf with Politicks, and to write Eſſays and Letters in the *Country Journal*; and if he ſhould be able to perfect his Schemes, and introduce a thorough Change in the Conſtitution, perhaps his Merit under a new Revolution, might be conſider'd; for it would be extreamly hard, if he ſhould not be admitted to partake of the Plunder, who had the principal Share in betraying the Town.

But the Caſe is quite different with his *ingenious* and *publick ſpirited Coadjutor*, who has, if I am rightly inform'd, other Buſineſs to mind, and whenever he concerns himſelf with the Affairs of the Publick, muſt neceſſarily neglect his own; and while he is generouſly contending for the Liberties of the People, perhaps may have one Foot in a Gaol himſelf, and be hunted by Bailiffs, while he is hunting wicked and corrupt Miniſters: Tho' let who will reign or be depos'd, let who will be taken into the M —— y, or who will be turn'd out of it; let the Man he moſt loves be rais'd to the higheſt Pinacle of Power, and the Man he moſt hates, fall as low into Diſgrace as even he himſelf can wiſh; yet this *truly diſintereſted Patriot* will neither be higher nor lower, nor richer nor poorer, nor better nor worſe, by any Alteration of Affairs, or Revolution in Government whatever. And as this right worthy Correſpondent of Mr. *D'Anvers*, can have nor Proſpect of Advantage by commencing Patriot, and turning the Edge of his Pen againſt the Government, ſo neither can he have received any perſonal Injury, or met with any particular Slight or Affront, to provoke his Reſentment againſt any Perſon in Power; for what Perſon in Power ever heard of his Name? Was he ever employ'd by any of them in the way of his Profeſſion, as an Attorney, and did they either tax or refuſe to pay his Bill? Or before he took upon him that Profeſſion, did he ever wear the *Livery* of any of them, and did they ſtrip him of it, and turn him out of Doors without his Wages? If any of theſe Things indeed had been done, the *Fry* of *miniſterial Vermin*, as this polite Writer very emphatically calls all the *noble Lords*, *both Spiritual* and *Temporal*, all the *Members of the Houſe of Commons*, *and all other Perſons of what Quality or Diſtinction ſoever*, who have ever *ſpoke*, or *voted*, or *writ* on the Side of the *Adminiſtration*; this *Fry of miniſterial Vermin*, would, I ſay, in ſuch a Caſe, perhaps have had ſome Colour to have thrown out the ſame Inſinuations againſt him, as they have done againſt ſome other Patriots of great Name and Renown, and to have imputed his Oppoſition to the Miniſtry, to Self-intereſt, Ambition or Revenge, which is the conſtant Method that theſe *State Miſcreants* (to uſe another of our *learned Author*'s elegant Expreſſions) have recourſe to, to anſwer their Adverſaries, when they are gravelled by their Logick and Ratiocination, and when their way of Arguing, like this ſagacious Politician, is too deep and profound for ſuch ſhallow Capacities, ſo *unacquainted with Argument and common Senſe*, to comprehend the Scope or Deſign of.

As therefore there cannot be the leaſt Foundation to charge this *great Patriot* with any ſiniſter or ſelfiſh Views; but on the contrary, as there is all the Reaſon in the World to believe, that his Animoſity to the Miniſtry, or rather (to borrow his own Words once again) to *the great Artificer of Corruption*, proceeds merely from his inviolable Love to his Country (a Paſſion ſo noble, and ſo becoming a Perſon of his *Figure* and *Character*) wo be unto you, Oh ye *Miniſters of State*, *Peers*, *Privy Counſellors*, *Biſhops*, *Judges*, *Members of Parliament*, *and all ye Tools of Power!* for lo! out of *Furnival's Inn* in *Holbourn*, *one* is come, that ſhall chaſtiſe Kings, and teach the Legiſlature their Duty, who has ſaid within himſelf, that he will not touch a *Parchment Scroll*, or ſerve the *Copy of a Writ*, 'till he has put an End to the Empire of Corruption, or while a *Miniſter of State*, *Peer*, *Privy Counſeller*, *Biſhop*, *Judge*, *or Member of Parliament* ſhall remain in the Land!

Wonderful indeed is the Power of *Patriotiſm!* It opens and enlarges all the Faculties of the Mind! It gives a new Temper and Diſpoſition to the Soul, and makes the Fool and Knave honeſt and wiſe! Thoſe, whoſe Breaſts feel and poſſeſs this ſacred Influence, are qualified for *Philoſophers*, *Stateſmen*, and *Law-givers*, without Virtue, Knowledge, or Underſtanding. Inſpired by this illuſtrious Paſſion, the Attorney's Clerk will talk like an Oracle on the Nature and Origin of Government, on the Power of Kings, and the Liberties of the People, and fancy himſelf capable of holding the *Great Seal*, before he knows how to fill up a *Bond*.

For Inſtance, our Author, before he turned Patriot, was an Attorney himſelf; and, it is to be preſumed, had an Education proper and ſuitable to the Buſineſs, which his honeſt and well-meaning Parents intended he ſhould follow, in order to get his Livelyhood; that is, he was taught, no doubt, to write the *Law Hands*, and read *Law Latin*, to draw *Leaſes*, and *ſerve Proceſſes*, and other laudable Matters neceſſary to be known by the *honeſt Folks* of that Vocation; but being a young Gentleman of very *forward Parts*, and having alſo improved his Genius, by reading Pamphlets and Journals, by frequenting the Coffee-houſes about the *Temple*, and converſing with *Wits*, *Freethinkers*, and *Patriots*, he deſpiſed his Buſineſs, left his Maſter, and ſet up for a *Wit*, a *Freethinker*, and a *Patriot* himſelf; and what an amazing Progreſs he has made under each of thoſe glorious Denominations, thoſe who have heard his Diſputations, or read his Eſſays, will need no other Teſtimony.

As a *Wit*, he has very much raiſed the Honour of that Character, which was leſſening apace in the Eſteem of the World, by the Profeſſors thereof ſo frequently deſcending beneath their Dignity, and miſemploying their Talents upon trifling and unworthy Subjects, ſuch as the Faſhions and Dreſſes of the gay World, the *Vanity*, *Hypocriſy*, *Pride*, *Affectation*, *Ill-nature*, and other little Follies and Infirmities of both Sexes; which, as it is Ill-breeding to take Notice of, ſo it would be of no Uſe to reform. On the contrary, this *great Wit* has exerciſed his Satyr and Raillery upon Things of real Importance, and which are the only proper Objects of Ridicule, ſuch as *Myſteries*, *Miracles*, *the Immortality of the Soul*, and other Abſurdities, that are daily ſuffered to be broached under the Notion of Religion, which, as nobody can believe that has common Senſe, ſo nobody would attempt to impoſe on Mankind that has common Honeſty.

As a *Freethinker*, he has, with indefatigable Care and Application, endeavoured, to the utmoſt of his Power, to inculcate thoſe *generous Principles* into the Minds of all his Acquaintance, which he has ſo plentifully imbibed himſelf, and has ingeniouſly turned that Rule of the Goſpel upon itſelf; that is, *Freely to impart what has been freely imparted unto him*; for he has diligently read over all thoſe excellent Books that have been written in his *Mother Tongue*, in which all the Objections againſt *revealed Religion* have been moſt clearly ſtated, and moſt ſtrongly inforced, out of which he has extracted the Quinteſſence of their Arguments, in order to ſhine in Converſation, and to propagate thoſe great and important Truths, the Knowledge of which redounds ſo much to the Honour, and gives ſuch a Luſtre to the Character of the Youth of the preſent Age.

As a *Patriot*, perhaps he has no Equal; it is certain he has no Superior. He has, in three Eſſays, done more Service to his Country than *Fog*, or *D'Anvers*, or *Oldcaſtle*, in all their elaborate Writings, thro' the whole Courſe of their Oppoſition. They indeed have *declaimed*, but he has *reaſoned*; they have charged the Government with having formed a Deſign againſt the Liberties of the People, but he has proved it by Mood and Figure; they have thrown out their Invectives againſt his Majeſty, the Parliament, and the Miniſtry, under fictitious Names, or by Alluſions to other Reigns and Governments; but he has come to the Point plump at once, and ſhewn the preſent Reign and Government to be arbitrary and corrupt, by *logical Correctneſs*,

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Correctness, and by a Kind of Reasoning, which, every one must intirely agree with him, has a *disastful Formality enough*: In one Word, those *redoubted Chiefs* have laid a formal Siege to the Town, in order to oblige it to *capitulate*; but this *Hero, their new Ally*, impatient of Delay, and willing to distinguish himself by some extraordinary Act of Proweſs, has attacked it Sword in Hand, and endeavoured to take it by Aſſault.

To conclude, the wonderful forward Parts and ſprightly Genius of this *Gentleman*, brings to my Mind what was ſaid of a pert lively young Spark, who had juſt bought an Enſign's Commiſſion in the Guards, and was running over the whole *Art military* amongſt a Circle of the Gentlemen of the Army at the *Tilt-Yard* Coffee-houſe, with as much Clearneſs and Volubility, as if he had ſerved twenty *Campaigns*. Lord have Mercy upon us! cries an *old Officer*, who had been liſtening to him a long while with great Aſtoniſhment and Attention, what a prodigious Soldier you muſt make by that Time you have ſerved three Months, who are ſo perfect a Maſter of the Art of War, even before you have wetted your Commiſſion!

Yeſterday arrived the Mails due from France *and* Holland.

Vienna, Octob. 13. N. S.

YESTERDAY we received Letters from Conſtantinople, which adviſe, that two Ambaſſadors were arrived there from Perſia, charged with the neceſſary Inſtructions to conclude a Peace with the Ottoman Porte. As the Advices we have received from the Frontiers, mention, that the Turks are erecting great Magazines in Boſnia, and have lately ſent 1500 Barrels of Powder, and vaſt Quantities of Ammunition, we greatly fear they deſign to attack the Emperor's Dominions on that Side next Spring, eſpecially if they happen to conclude a Peace with Perſia, which, as theſe Letters mention, they are inclined to do, being prompted thereto by the Count de Bonneval, whoſe Credit increaſes more and more, and is fully reſolved to revenge the Affronts done him by the Imperial Court, in the Quarrel that happened ſome Years ago between him and Count Wallis. General Jorger has Orders to go to Bohemia, to command the regular Forces there; we are alſo aſſured his Excellency is to exerciſe the Militia of that Kingdom, who will be employed in caſe of Need. We are alſo to poſt ſome regular Forces on the Frontiers of Sileſia, and 6000 Militia, who are to be commanded (as 'tis ſaid) by Baron Lehnſtein. The Convention, by which the Court of Ruſſia engages to furniſh the Emperor with 30,000 Men, is now (as we are aſſured) regulated. Thoſe Troops are firſt to go to Bohemia, and they have already ſent Orders thither for their Reception; and the Court has diſpatched a Courier to Count Oſtain, his Imperial Majeſty's Miniſter at the Court of Ruſſia on that Head. The Emperor having reſolved to recruit and compleat the veteran Regiments, eſpecially thoſe that are in Italy, with Men already trained up to the Art of War, a ſufficient Number is to be drawn out of the new Regiments raiſed this Year, who are to be replaced by the Recruits that are now raiſing in the Emperor's hereditary Dominions. We are aſſured it has alſo been reſolved to augment the Army in Italy this Winter, to 70,000 Men compleat, in order to form two Armies, one whereof is to penetrate into the Milaneze, whilſt the other obſerves the Enemy. It is given out, that this Reſolution was taken, in Conſequence of a Scheme ſent by Count Konigſegg to this Court. We have a Liſt publiſhed here, of the Number of the killed and wounded at the Battle of Guaſtalla, the firſt amounting to 1581, and the latter to 4075. There were 1642 Horſes killed, and we have loſt 2 Standards, 5 Pieces of Cannon, and a Pair of Kettle-Drums belonging to the Regiment of Cuiraſſiers of Veterani, which ſuffered moſt in that Battle. It ſeems this Court takes ſome Umbrage at the great Preparations of War made by the Court of Bavaria, and have already written to that Elector about it; and he has anſwered, that he had no other View than to provide for the Security of his Dominions, and, at the ſame time, aſſures his Imperial Majeſty, that he will not attempt any Thing contrary to his Intereſts. It is ſaid the Elector of Cologn has made ſtrong Repreſentations againſt the Winter-Quarters aſſigned to the Pruſſian Troops in his Territories.

Berlin, Octob. 19. N. S. Since the King of Pruſſia was let Blood, his Majeſty breathes a great deal freer, but his Legs continue much ſwelled, and we don't perceive the Swelling abates. The Phyſicians hope there will be a favourable Criſis. His Fever was not ſo violent Yeſterday as it was the Day before, and his Majeſty ſlept pretty quietly laſt Night. On Sunday laſt the King took the Sacrament with an examplary Piety. As his Majeſty was very ill that Morning, the Perſons preſent could not refrain melting into Tears; People cannot ſufficiently admire the Greatneſs of Soul, and the perfect Reſignation his Majeſty ſhews in his moſt painful Minutes. The Prince Royal, who arrived at Potſdam the 12th, does not leave the King one Moment, who, on his Part, expreſſes an extraordinary Affection for the Prince; and it is impoſſible to tell how much his Highneſs ſuffers by ſeeing his Majeſty in ſo uncertain and painful a Condition. Yeſterday the King ordered the Prince Royal to go to his Regiment to view it, and to return on Saturday next.

LONDON.

On Tueſday laſt the Lords of the Treaſury ſigned a Warrant, directing the Quarter's Intereſt due on the Loans, made on the Duties on Salt for the Service of the preſent Year, to be forthwith made at the Exchequer.

Laſt Tueſday died at Holley Port, near Windſor, the Lady Garbart, Widow and Relict of Sir Henry Garbart, late of Shelford in the County of Nottingham.

Next Week the two Eldeſt Sons of the Right Hon. the Lord Viſcount Howe, Governor of Barbados, are to go down and keep open Houſe for a Week at Langnor Caſtle, the Seat of their Father in Nottinghamſhire.

Laſt Wedneſday embark'd at Graveſend about 40 Recruits for the Gariſon of Gibraltar, under the Command of an Officer of Brigadier Kirk's Regiment.

Laſt Monday Richard Renolds of Drayton-Baſſet in the County of Stafford, Eſq; a Gentleman of 3000 l. per Annum, was married to Miſs Grey, Siſter to George Grey of Great Billing, Eſq;

This Day his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales will give a grand Entertainment to ſeveral Perſons of Diſtinction, at his Houſe at Kew.

The Report in Yeſterday's Papers that the Right Hon. the Earl of Peterborough was dead at his Seat in Hampſhire, is intirely Falſe and Groundleſs.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Robert Curtis, Eſq; to be General Treaſurer of Rhode Iſland, in the Room of Abraham Borden, Eſq; deceaſed.

On Wedneſday Six Horſes ſtarted at Kingſton for the 10 l. Plate, which was won by Mr. Ireland's White-Stockings; and on Thurſday Five ſtarted for the 15 l. Plate, which was won by M. Boyce's Mare.

Yeſterday the Indian Chiefs went in the King's Coaches from the Georgia Office to Cannons, the Seat of his Grace the Duke of Chandois at Edger, and ſaw all the Curioſities there, and returned in the Evening to the ſaid Office. And

The Beginning of next Week the ſaid Chiefs will embark on their Return home.

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